

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1048

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Larry and Holly Drake on the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1960, in Washington, New Jersey, Larry Joseph Drake and Holly Lena Simon were joined in holy matrimony; and

WHEREAS, since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, the Drakes will renew their wedding vows in a joyous ceremony to be held at Union Grove United Methodist Church in Friendsville, Tennessee, on July 3, 2010; and

WHEREAS, following the ceremony, the Drakes will join with their many well-wishers in celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary at a festive gala at the Army National Guard Armory; and

WHEREAS, highly respected citizens of their community, Mr. and Mrs. Drake are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, the Drakes are the proud parents of three children, Tammy Sheldon, Terri Drake, and Larry Drake, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, they are also the devoted grandparents of five grandchildren, Amanda Woolley, Tyler Woolley, Megan Drake, Tammy Parker, and Ashley Drake; and one great-granddaughter, Emma Sinclair; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Drakes' truly represent the best of our society, as they remind us of the intrinsic value of continuity and commitment in this ever changing world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we that we join with the family and friends of Larry and Holly Drake in celebrating this exemplary couple's fiftieth wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.